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Dear Mr Fisher

High Peak Local Plan Extended Saving Of Policy H.1

I am writing to you in connection with the Direction that has been issued today to extend the saving of certain policies in the High Peak Local Plan, with particular reference to Policy H.1 Principles of Housing. The decision to extend the saving of policies has been taken after careful consideration of the issues, and you will be aware that we have raised concerns with you that the approach to managing the supply of housing in Policy H.1 is not consistent with the approach to delivering and managing a supply of land for housing as set out in PPS3. Linked to this, I would also remind you that in determining planning applications for housing, you should have regard to the policies in PPS3 which may supersede the policies in the development plan.

In order to move swiftly to a suite of up to date policies to guide development in the Borough, we would urge you to prioritise the preparation of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document. We are pleased to note that you have agreed to prepare a joint Core Strategy with Derbyshire Dales District Council, and hope that this will benefit both of your authorities in terms of making more efficient and effective use of your combined resources.

Yours sincerely

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